

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit: 1645  
James D. THACKER : Confirmation No. 9929  
App. No.: 10/020,923 : Examiner: Ja-Na Hines  
Filed: December 19, 2001 :  
Title: METHODS FOR THE RAPID DETECTION OF ACTIVELY RESPIRING  
MICROORGANISMS

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**a.) Preliminary Remarks.**

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

In response to the final Office Action, mail dated June 15, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of record in view of Applicant's remarks below.

**b.) Amendments to the Specification - None.**

**c.) Amendments to the Claims – None.**